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SUBJ: ELECTION RESULTS: ELECTION REVIEW CONTINUES IN A

CALM ATMOSPHERE

REF: A) BOGOTA 5408, B) BOGOTA 5344

1. THE ROUTINE REVIEW OF THE JUNE 4 ELECTION RESULTS (REF A) WHICH SHOWED LIBERAL CANDIDATE TURBAY LEADING HIS CONSERVATIVE OPPONENT BY NEARLY 140,000 VOTES, IS BEING CARRIED OUT PEACEFULLY AT THE VOTING DISTRICT LEVEL. THIS FIRST STAGE OF THE PRESCRIBED REVIEW IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED UNTIL JUNE 14 OR 15.

2. SO FAR, THE RESULTS IN SEVERAL DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED BY BOTH LIBERALS AND CONSERVATIVES, BUT NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE FINAL RESULT IS EXPECTED. HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS OF BOTH MAJOR PARTIES HAVE INDICATED PRIVATELY TO EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT THEIR PARTY MEMBERS WILL HONOR THE DECISION OF THE ELECTORAL COURT WHICH WILL DECLARE THE VICTOR. TURBAY CONTINUES TO MAKE CONCILIATORY STATEMENTS, IMPLYING THAT HE WILL INVITE A SIZEABLE CONSERVATIVE PARTICIPATION-FROM BOTH OF THAT PARTY'S FACTIONS-IN HIS GOVERNMENT. BETANCUR, VACATING IN CARTAGENA, HAS MADE NO OTHER PUBLIC STATEMENTS SINCE

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URGING HIS SUPPORTERS TO FOLLOW THE ELECTION REVIEW CLOSELY (REF B). "COMMENT: THE TEMPERATE ATTITUDES OF THE TWO MAJOR CANDIDATES ARE REFLECTED IN THE CALMNESS WITH WHICH COLOMBIANS IN GENERAL ARE AWAITING THE COMPLETION OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS."

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